<u>Amendments to the claims</u>:

1 – 29. canceled.

30. (original): A method of monitoring a content item which is to be broadcast through a broadcasting network, the content item to be identified by a fingerprint of the content derived from the content itself, said method comprising:

maintaining a limited list of content items, the list consisting of those content items that are to be broadcast by the broadcasting network during a predetermined time period, the limited list of content items being respectively associated with one or more fingerprints derived from the content items themselves;

deriving a fingerprint from a content item monitored from the broadcast network; and

interrogating the limited list of content items with the fingerprint to identify the monitored content item.

31 - 35. canceled.

36. (previously presented): A method of monitoring a content item which is to be transmitted through a network, the content item to be identified by a fingerprint of the content derived from the content itself, said method comprising:

maintaining a list of content items, the list consisting of those content items that are to be transmitted through the network during a predetermined time period, the list of content items being respectively associated with one or more fingerprints derived from the content items themselves;

deriving a fingerprint from a content item monitored from the network; and

interrogating the list of content items with a derived fingerprint to identify the monitored content item.

37. (previously presented): A computer readable medium comprising instructions to perform the method of claim 36.

38. (previously presented): A method comprising:

receiving a list of content items, the list consisting of those content items that are to be transmitted through the network during a predetermined time period, the list of content items being respectively associated with one or more fingerprints derived from the content items themselves;

storing the list of content items in a table or data structure;

receiving a content item, the content item comprising audio or video;

deriving a fingerprint from the content item itself;

interrogating the list of content items with the derived fingerprint to identify the content item;

communicating a signal representing at least the identified content item to a remote device.

39. (previously presented): A computer readable medium comprising instructions to perform the method of claim 38.

40. (new): A method comprising:

maintaining a limited list of content items, the list including those content items that are to be broadcast by the broadcasting network during a predetermined time period, the list of content items being respectively associated with one or more fingerprints derived from the content items themselves;

deriving a fingerprint from a content item monitored from the broadcast network; and

interrogating the limited list of content items with the fingerprint to identify the monitored content item.

41. (new): The of claim 40 wherein the content items comprise at least audio or video.